



LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR

Exam Code: 9PB11

Department: California Department of Food and Agriculture

Exam Type: Departmental, Open

Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Livestock Inspector – \$3,566.00 - \$5,018.00 per month

View the [classification specification](#) for the **Livestock Inspector** classification.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Final Filing Date: Continuous **Who**

Should Apply:

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for and take this examination.

Once you have taken this examination, you may not retake it for **six (6)** months.

How To Apply:

The link to connect to the Training and Experience Evaluation is located farther down on this bulletin in the “Taking the Exam” section.

Special Testing Arrangements:

If you require assistance or alternative testing arrangements due to a disability, please contact the testing department listed in the Contact section of this bulletin.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this exam bulletin to be accepted into the examination. Part-time or full-time jobs, regardless of whether paid or volunteer positions, and inside or outside California state service will count toward experience.

Livestock Inspector

Either 1

Education: [Equivalent to graduation from a four-year college](#) of recognized standing with specialization in animal husbandry or in a related agricultural subject.

Or 2

Experience: Six months of experience performing the duties of an Agricultural Services Technician II, Range B, in the California state service. **and** Equivalent to completion of nine semester units of college level course work in animal husbandry or related agricultural subjects. (Applicants who are enrolled for the minimum appropriate college courses required may be admitted to the examination, but must show proof of completion before they will be considered eligible for appointment.)

Or 3

Experience: Either

1. Two years of experience in raising livestock or in some other activity providing familiarity with livestock or [livestock production](#); **Or** 2. One year of experience in a public agency in agricultural inspection or enforcement work pertaining to livestock production.

(Completion of a two-year course in an agricultural college of recognized standing with specialization in animal husbandry or in related agricultural subjects may be substituted for one-half of the experience required in Pattern 3.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Livestock Inspector

This is the entry, training, and first working level. Incumbents work: (1) under close supervision to become familiar with animal health inspection and enforcement work by performing a variety of less complex tasks; (2) under general supervision to (a) independently perform animal health inspection and enforcement work of average difficulty, (b) perform as a veterinarian's assistant in administering animal health programs in assignments not requiring professional veterinary skills and knowledge, or in a major support function.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

This examination consists of the following components:

Training and Experience Evaluation – Weighted 100% of the final score.

The examination will consist solely of a **Training and Experience Evaluation**. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be received.

Applicants will receive their score upon completion of the Training and Experience Evaluation process.

In addition to evaluating applicants' relative knowledge, skills, and ability, as demonstrated by quality and breadth of education and/or experience, emphasis in each exam component will be measuring competitively, relative job demands, each applicant's:

Knowledge of:

1. Principles and practices of animal husbandry and the operation of livestock ranches.

Ability to:

1. Communicate effectively at a level required for successful job performance.
2. Interpret and apply laws and regulations relating to animal quarantine.
3. Learn and apply formal investigation techniques and procedures.
4. Prepare concise and complete reports.
5. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the work
6. Prepare correspondence.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental, open eligible list for the **Livestock Inspector** classification will be established for:

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

The names of **successful** competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of exam date. Eligibility expires **twelve (12) months** after it is established. Applicants must then retake the examination to reestablish eligibility. Veterans' Preference will be granted for this examination. In accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, whenever any veteran, or widow or widower of a veteran achieves a passing score on an open examination, he or she shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligible list.

Veterans status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Information on this program and the Veterans' Preference Application (Std. 1093) is available [online](#). Additional information on veteran benefits is available at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

[Preview Training and Experience Evaluation](#) for the **Livestock Inspector** classification.

PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION

Here is a list of suggested resources to have available prior to taking the exam.

Employment History: Employment dates, job titles, organization names and addresses, names of supervisors or persons who can verify your job responsibilities, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

Education: School names and addresses, degrees earned, dates attended, courses taken (verifiable on a transcript), persons or office who can verify education, and phone numbers of persons or offices listed above.

Training: Class titles, certifications received, names of persons who can verify your training, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

TAKING THE EXAMINATION

Take the online [Training and Experience Evaluation](#) for the **Livestock Inspector** classification.

TESTING DEPARTMENTS

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this examination should be directed to:

California Department of Food and Agriculture

Attention: Examination Unit

1220 N Street, Room 242

Sacramento, CA 95814

Telephone: (916) 654-0790

Email: exams@cdfa.ca.gov

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right of family care and medical leave, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, military or veteran status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious creed, sex (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, and related medical conditions), and sexual orientation.

DRUG-FREE STATEMENT

It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free State work place. Any applicant for State employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective, because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Examination and/or Employment Application (STD 678) forms are available at the California Department of Human Resources, local offices of the Employment Development Department, and through your [CalCareer Account](#).

If you meet the requirements stated on this examination bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described in this bulletin will be rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all applicants who pass will be ranked according to their score.

The California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all applicants will be notified.

General Qualifications: Applicants must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgement, the ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the competitor is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.